

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior revisions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A locking device for use with an electrical plug having at least one prong associated therewith, the at least one prong having an aperture spaced from its terminal end portion, the locking device comprising:

 a body member;

 a pair of spaced arm members extending adjacent one side portion of said body member, each of said arm members having a terminal end portion;

 an elongated member extending between said pair of arm members having a free end portion, said elongated member being [adapted] sized and shaped for insertably receiving the aperture associated with the at least one prong and being positioned relative to the terminal end portions of said pair of arm members such that the terminal end portion of the at least one prong cannot be maneuvered into any orientation while engaged with said elongated member so as to extend beyond the terminal end portions of said pair of arm members; and

 one of said arm members being movable between a first position wherein sufficient space is provided for engaging the aperture of the at least one prong with the free end portion of said elongated member and a second position wherein the at least one prong cannot be disengaged from said elongated member, said pair of arm members being further sized and shaped such that the terminal end portion of the at least one prong cannot be maneuvered into any orientation while engaged with said elongated member so as to extend beyond the periphery of said pair of arm members.

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Amendment A

Claim 2. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 1 including a locking mechanism for selectively holding said movable arm member in its second position.

Claims 3-5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 1 wherein one of said arm members is fixedly attached to said body member.

Claim 7. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 1 wherein said elongated member is fixedly attached to one of said arm members.

Claim 8. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 2 wherein said locking mechanism is a combination lock system.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A locking device for preventing insertion of a male electrical plug into an electrical outlet, the plug having a pair of spaced prongs each defining an aperture spaced from its respective terminal end portion, the apertures having centers aligned along a common axis, the locking device comprising:

a body member;

a pair of spaced arm members extending adjacent one side portion of said body member defining a space therebetween, each of said arm members having a terminal end portion;

a transverse member extending between said pair of arm members having a free end portion, said transverse member being [adapted] sized and shaped to be insertably received within the apertures associated with the pair of spaced prongs, said transverse member being spaced from the terminal end portions of said arm members such that the terminal end portions of the spaced prongs cannot be maneuvered into any orientation when engaged with said transverse member so as to extend beyond the terminal end portions of said arm members; one of said arm members being pivotally movable between an open position wherein sufficient space is provided adjacent the free end portion of said transverse member for insertably positioning said transverse member within the apertures of the spaced prongs, and a closed position wherein said transverse member cannot be withdrawn from the apertures of the spaced prongs, said pair of arm members being sized and shaped such that the terminal end portions of the spaced prongs cannot be maneuvered into any orientation when engaged with said transverse member so as to extend beyond the periphery of said arm member; and a locking mechanism for selectively holding said movable arm member in its closed position.

Claim 10. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 9 wherein said locking mechanism is a combination lock system.

Claim 11. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 9 wherein said movable arm member is pivotally attached to said body member.

Claim 12. (Original) The locking member defined in claim 9 wherein said other arm member is fixedly attached to said body member.

Claim 13. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 12 wherein said transverse member is fixedly attached to said other arm member.

Claims 14-16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Original) The locking device defined in claim 9 wherein said pivotally movable arm member includes a cavity, said cavity being adapted to receive the free end portion of said transverse member when said movable arm member is in its closed position.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) A locking device for preventing insertion of a male electrical plug into an electrical outlet, the plug having a pair of spaced prongs each defining an aperture spaced from its respective terminal end portion, the apertures having centers aligned along a common axis, the locking device comprising:

a body member;

a pair of spaced arm members extending adjacent one side portion of said body member defining a space therebetween, each of said arm members having a terminal end portion;

a transverse member extending between said pair of arm members having a free end portion, said transverse member being [adapted] sized and shaped to be insertably received within the apertures associated with the pair of spaced prongs;

one of said arm members being pivotally movable between an open position wherein sufficient space is provided adjacent the free end portion of said transverse member for insertably positioning said transverse member within the apertures of the spaced prongs, and a closed position wherein said transverse member cannot be withdrawn from the apertures of the spaced prongs, said pair of arm members being sized and shaped and said transverse member being positioned and located from the terminal end portions of said pair of arm members such that the terminal end portions of the spaced prongs cannot be maneuvered into any orientation when engaged with said transverse member so as to extend beyond the periphery of the arm members; and

a locking mechanism for selectively holding said movable arm member in its closed position.

Claims 19-20. (Cancelled)